

Jenkins Case And Oil Issue Before Cabinet

Entire Mexican Question Is Discussed; Carranza Orders Puebla Authorities Not to Molest Consul

Another American Slain

Kidnaper of U. S. Agent Reported Anxious to Surrender and "Tell Truth"

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18.—The whole Mexican situation, including the arrest of William O. Jenkins, American Consul General at Puebla, and all legislation was discussed to-day by President Wilson's Cabinet, but if any decision was reached it was not made known.

Secretary Lansing, who presided, refused to say what took place, but Secretary Glass said the government apparently was unable to "find out anything" about the Jenkins case.

Some time after the Cabinet adjourned the State Department announced that the acting Minister of Mexican Foreign Affairs had informed the American Embassy at Mexico City that the state authorities at Puebla had been instructed not to molest Jenkins, who previously had reported that he was being restricted to his home by the state officials.

U. S. Awaiting Report The Foreign Minister's action followed delivery of a protest from the State Department, sent after Jenkins was arrested, but just what it would amount to was not made clear. Jenkins is awaiting trial on charges of collusion with the bandits who kidnaped and held him for \$150,000 ransom. Meantime, the State Department is awaiting additional reports before taking further action.

Eugene Lack, an American citizen, shot last Friday by a Mexican police officer in Mexico, died last night in El Centro, Cal., as a result of his wound, the State Department was advised late to-day. The shooting of Lack was said to be unwarranted, and representations have been made to the Mexican government for the apprehension and punishment of the murderer. Lack was a special officer attached to the office of the Sheriff of Imperial County, Cal. No details of the shooting were contained in the report to the department.

The American Embassy at Mexico City and the American Consulate at Mexico have been asked to convey to the Mexican authorities a demand that a thorough investigation of the murder be made.

Kidnaper Offers to Surrender MEXICO CITY, Nov. 17 (By The Associated Press).—Federico Cordova, alleged to be the leader of the band of outlaws who kidnaped William O. Jenkins, United States Consul General at Puebla, has offered to surrender to the government in order to "tell the entire truth of the Jenkins affair, which has taken a sensational turn," according to advices received here.

Cordova is said to have asserted he is the only person knowing all the facts, and to have expressed the wish to make a full declaration. General Pablo Gonzalez is now in Puebla, according to dispatches, and has the disposition of Cordova's proposal in his hands. Jenkins who is being detained, although not in jail, is reported to have been seen by several persons in company with Cordova at a hacienda south of Puebla. There were no new developments in the affair to-day.

Camp Mills Bids Rejected Technical Defect in One, Highest Being \$230,000, Results in New Call

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18.—Because of a technical defect in one of the bids all the offers recently received by the War Department for Camp Mills were to-day rejected by the construction division of the army. Bids will be sought again for the property at the camp. The highest offer received in the bids, which were opened on November 6, was \$230,000, from R. A. Goodman, of Chicago.

The bid of the Harris Brothers Company, of New York, of \$185,000 for the government properties and improvements at Camp Selby, Miss., was accepted by the War Department.

The construction division announced to-day a contract has been made with Smith House & Melsue for the construction of hangars and utilities, roads, walks and sewers at the southeast defense station on Staten Island. The contract was for \$519,000.

Radium Tube Worth \$12,000 Is Lost in Chicago Sewer CHICAGO, Nov. 18.—Dr. Henry Schmitz reported to-day that a tube of radium valued at \$12,000 became unaccounted for in a bathtub at St. Mary's Hospital and disappeared down the drain pipe while being used in the treatment of a patient. The loss was protected by insurance.

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Fight Against 2-Cent Transfer Is in Full Swing

Action by Courts on Streetcar Case Is Expected Within a Month

The Hyman administration's legal fight to end the two-cent charge for streetcar transfers is now under way, William P. Burr, Corporation Counsel, said yesterday.

With the issuance Monday of a writ of certiorari calling for a review of Public Service Commissioner Nixon's abolition of free transfers on certain New York Railways and Brooklyn Rapid Transit lines, the city's case in full was brought before the courts. According to Mr. Burr, action is expected within a month.

"These cases are complicated," Mr. Burr said, "and they mean a lot of work for counsel and for the court. But at last they are going, and we hope soon to prove the Commissioner's lack of power to order a charge for transfers."

Mr. Nixon has twenty days in which to file a return on the writ issued Monday by Supreme Court Justice Deeney. The case will then go to the Appellate Division, which will decide whether the Public Service Commissioner has jurisdiction to make an order annulling provisions in the franchises given by the city to the railway companies.

The Chamber of Commerce of the Borough of Queens issued a protest yesterday against a proposal to force passengers on the Corona and Astoria subway extensions to pay an extra fare when the cars of the Interborough and the B. R. T. are run jointly over these lines next year.

W. C. T. U. Drive Against Tobacco Aimed at Children

Will Confine Weed Fight to Education Campaign Among Them and Urge Enforcement of Law Against Sale to Minors

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 18.—The campaign to be waged by the Women's Christian Temperance Union against tobacco includes plans for an educational movement among children of school age and efforts to bring about strict enforcement of laws against the sale of tobacco to minors.

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Labor Is Urged To Sign Truce With Capital

During Armistice of a Year Creation of Industrial Adjustment Boards in Each State Is Proposed

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 18.—Creation of an industrial adjustment commission in each state of the nation with a national body as a "court of appeal" was urged before the American Mining Congress here to-night by Allen Walker, of the Guaranty Trust Company, New York, in an address advocating a year's armistice between capital and labor.

Each state commission, according to Mr. Walker's plan, would consist of one representative each of labor, capital and the state with two representatives of the public, preferably educationists.

The state commissions would have power to standardize wages and ensure adjustments, while the national board would be authorized to serve in an appellate capacity.

The speaker proposed that during a twelve-month armistice present working conditions exist, and an extensive campaign be waged in behalf of thrift and production.

"Such an armistice should be real no lockouts or strikes during that time, both capital and labor pledging in advance to abide by the ruling of the national commission," declared Mr. Walker.

Labor Autocracy Charged Union method in the United States has drifted from honest effort at collective bargaining at its inception to an organized labor autocracy that has placed a premium on inefficiency, according to an address by Harry N. Taylor, president of the National Coal Association, which was read to the congress.

"The radicals ride over the conservatives and the miners to-day are autocratically governed through fear," by their radical officials and business agents," said Mr. Taylor in a telegram to the convention.

"No more vicious attempt at deliberate profiteering could be forced upon the public than this demand by these radical officials of the United Mine workers," his address said.

"Radicalism on the part of capital or labor cannot be allowed to rule this country. The organized miners' strike is an attempt to force a huge tribute from the American people on the cost of their fuel and making an attempt to winter in their strategy to stop the wheels of industry and transportation and force the submission of the defenseless public through hunger and cold and the sufferings of women and children will arouse no sympathy in the heartless juggernaut of radical unionism."

Criticism of the government for "disregard of conditions in Mexico" which were blamed for the loss of American lives there, and discussing the possibility of fruitful results from the strike of bituminous coal miners were features of to-day's session.

Walter Douglas of New York presented a resolution protesting to the State Department against further failure to take notice of the situation in Mexico that "makes it unsafe for American citizens there."

Receiving that thirty-five Americans engaged in mining in Mexico have been murdered since 1910, and the eighteen of these murders occurred since 1916, "after the United States recognized the present Mexican government," the resolution declared "no steps taken by the United States in these matters have provided constitutional protection to its citizens."

Protection Demanded The resolution recommended the United States "take immediate steps to insure that the constitutional rights of American citizens shall protect them on our borders and go with them throughout the world, and that every citizen residing or having property in a foreign country shall receive the full protection of the United States government, both for himself and his property."

E. W. Parker, director of the Anthracite Bureau of Philadelphia, discussing the coal miners' strike, expressed hope that out of the struggle might come the establishment of a board of conciliation in the bituminous

industry similar to that established for the anthracite industry following the strike of 1902.

A paper by John Clausen, of the Chemical National Bank of New York, also was read to the conference by Mr. Lawrie.

"Live Job" Is Sought For Commissioner Boyle Tammany Friends of Head of Industrial Board Object to Filling "Dead Men's Shoes"

The friends in Tammany Hall of Edward F. Boyle, the newly appointed chairman of the State Industrial Commission, are beginning to despair of his getting away from the funeral atmosphere of political "dead men's shoes."

Mr. Boyle has been a consistent occupant of them for many years, and his colleagues in the Tammany Executive Committee, of which he is chairman, are silently hoping that the next appointment for Commissioner Boyle will lift him out of the enforced habit of succeeding a dead man in public office.

When Governor Smith appointed him chairman of the Industrial Commission, it was because John Mitchell, the former labor leader, had died and left the place vacant.

Immediately preceding that Mr. Boyle was elected by the Tammany aldermen as president of the Borough of Manhattan to succeed the late Frank L. Dowling.

On April 17, 1918, Mr. Boyle was appointed Justice of the Municipal Court to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Hiram M. Kirk.

Commissioner Boyle owes his prominence in the Tammany organization partly to the fact that back in the mid-summer of 1910 John J. Harrington, Tammany leader of the 16th Assembly District, died, leaving a vacancy in the executive committee and to this vacancy Mr. Boyle was chosen.

Woman of 70 Travels Andes on Muleback Crosses Slippery, Snow-Packed Trail With Niece; Both Arrive From South America

Mrs. L. C. Thomas, of New Orleans, and her niece, Miss M. A. Magee, the only women in a trio of three hundred passengers who dared cross the Andes Mountains on muleback, arrived here yesterday on the Lamport & Holt liner Byrron, from Rio de Janeiro.

Mrs. Thomas, who is nearly seventy years old, left New Orleans six months ago on a thirteen-thousand mile excursion to South America, accompanied by Miss Magee, who is librarian of the Louisiana State Library. She traveled to Valparaiso, Chile, via the Panama Canal, her route taking her across the Andes Mountains to Buenos Ayres.

After reaching an altitude of 12,800 feet, the train from the west coast was stalled in great snow drifts, and the passengers had the alternative of continuing eastward through the snow for some forty miles, or returning to Valparaiso. Despite her years, Mrs. Thomas elected to go on, although she had been warned not to venture out over the slippery snow-packed trails.

Spanish Revolt Quelled MADRID, Nov. 18.—Rebellious tribesmen at Lago Juby, on the north-west African coast have been dispersed, according to advices received here, and the Spanish troops in that region have restored order.

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U. S. Supreme Court Puts "Dry" Law to Test on Thursday

Constitutionality of War-time Act To Be Argued on Appeal From Decree Holding Whisky in Bond

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18.—Constitutionality of the war-time prohibition act was attacked in a brief filed in the Supreme Court of the United States to-day in the appeal by Dryfoos, Blum & Co., of New York, from Federal court decrees denying it an injunction which would permit removal of whisky from bond. The case will be argued next Thursday with similar appeals from New York and Kentucky.

The brief said changed conditions due to the armistice, demobilization of troops and cessation of war activities had made the war-time act unconstitutional. Quoting from President Wilson's message vetoing the prohibition enforcement bill, in which he said the objects of war-time prohibition had been "satisfied in the demobilization of the army and navy," the brief added:

"This statement that the emergency is over and that the army and navy are completely demobilized is conclusive evidence. If demobilization has been achieved, the whole basis for the constitutionality of the law has ceased to exist."

The government brief asking reversal of the opinion of Federal Judge Evans in Louisville, Ky., declaring the act unconstitutional also was filed to-day, holding that the status of demobilization in no way affected the measure.

"Indeed," the brief said, "it scarcely will be denied that legally the country will be in a state of war until a treaty of peace is put into effect."

"Congress might very well if it had seen fit, have provided that the law should be in effect as long as the President considered it necessary. Congress apparently decided to keep the matter within its own control, as it had a right to do."

PEORIA, Ill., Nov. 18.—Judge Louis Fitzhenry, of the Federal District Court, to-day handed down his expected opinion declaring the war-time prohibition act valid. The case decided was brought by Woolner & Co., distillers, of this city.

The decision was concurred in by Judge Carpenter, who sat en banc at Chicago with Judge Fitzhenry and following the findings announced in the latter city yesterday in the Hannah & Hogg case. The cases were consolidated.

Chicago Car Lines Accused Of Exorbitant Profits CHICAGO, Nov. 18.—"Exorbitant profits" by Chicago streetcar companies were charged by Attorney General Brundage in a letter to the State Public Utilities Commission. He recommended that the rate of fare be reduced from the seven cents to which it was advanced after a wage increase, to current last summer. The companies' gross earnings increased 22.21 per cent in August, as compared with the corresponding month last year, and at this rate he estimated the revenue for 1919 would exceed by \$150,000,000 that of 1918.

The commission immediately started a hearing to determine whether it will be advisable to order a six-cent fare.

Sailors' Christmas Mail Packages for Them Abroad Go at Domestic Rate

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